(c) and (d) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) regularly monitors ground water levels in the country through a network of 15640 observation wells. Further, the States also monitor the ground water levels. Time series data generated by CGWB and the States is used in assessment of replenishable ground water resources in the country as well as categorization of assessment units based on decline in ground water levels and stage of ground water development. These form the basis for planning ground water development and management by the Central Government/States.

The steps taken by Government to utilize underground sources more effectively include circulation of 'Model Bill' to States/Union Territories to enact suitable ground water legislation, constitution of Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) for regulation of ground water management and development, organization of mass awareness programmes on Water Management, Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge of Ground Water.

In addition, CGWA also issued directions to the concerned authorities of the States having 'over-exploited' areas to take necessary measures to adopt/promote artificial recharge to ground water/rain water harvesting, conservation of ground water and also to include provision for construction of roof top rain water harvesting structures as mandatory in the building bye-laws. As per available information, 18 States and 4 UTs have amended building bye-laws incorporating mandatory adoption of roof top rain water harvesting in existing/new buildings in their respective States/UTs.

Redesignation of assistant silt analyst

3230. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the post of Assistant Silt Analyst in work charged establishment in Central Water Commission has been redesignated to the post of work Sarkar Garde-II under the order of Superintending Engineer, C.W.C. Maithan;

(b) if so, whether redesignation has been done on the basis of Government Order or Department's Order; and

(c) the basis of the said order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) The posts of Assistant Silt Analyst, Work Sarkar (Grade II), and Machine Operator (Grade II), in the "work charged establishment under Superintending Engineer, Hydrological Observation Circle, Central Water Commission (CWC), Maithon, have been merged and designated as Work Sarkar Gr-II vide CWC Hydrological Observation Circle, Maithon order dated 25/5/2009, which was issued with the approval of CWC (Headquarters). This has been done in pursuance of an exercise of review of Work Charged Establishment as per site-wise/work-wise norms in the field formation.